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Official Diary

Monday, 17 December 1951

Colonel Baird raised the question as to whether or not CIA should have a different operational plan for wartime, to which he could key a training plan. I stated that so far as I had been able to gather from the DCI's views on this point, he felt that it would be better to work out the various aspects of such a plan, point by point, rather than to develop an a priori plan. The questions involved were extremely delicate and in many cases it would be inadvisable to raise them at this time. Mr. [] confirmed this. Col. Baird also showed me a paper from Mr. Wisner indicating willingness to have his planning staffs coordinate with Col. Baird, so that the Office of Training could make its plans on the basis of current thinking in the Agency and that seemed entirely adequate for the present. I understood that Col. Baird agreed.

Ascertained through [] from OPC that [] is the "Deputy" for []

Since Mr. Dulles had raised the question of securing SI clearance for Gen. Merrill, I suggested to [] that an appropriate request be prepared by OPC and forwarded through me to Mr. Douglass.

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Referred a letter from Jack Ohley to Budget Director Lawton, respecting certain aspects of the 1953 budget, to Messrs. Wolf and Wisner who were entirely familiar with the matter. Since the letter was inaccurate, Mr. Wisner undertook to seek to have it withdrawn by Mr. Ohley.

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